

# Co-operatives Victoria

Minute of Board Meeting held at SouthEast Housing Co-operative Ltd. 11 September, 2012

Present: Niel Black (A/Chairman), Tony O'Shea, Bill Bodman, Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: David Dinning and Linda Seaborn

## **1. Resignation of Tony O'Shea**

That the resignation of Tony O'Shea be accepted with regret from the AGM.

CARRIED

Niel Black paid tribute to the contribution that Tony had made to the Federation since assuming the role of Chairman.

## **2. Appointment of Chairman**

Niel Black agreed to take on the role of Chairman until the AGM.

That Niel Black be appointed Chairman until the AGM.

CARRIED

## **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

That the minute of the previous meeting of 03 July 2012 be approved as amended as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

The amendment was to add the word include" to the 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph first sentence between the words "should" and "a."

## **4. Business Arising**

### **4.1 Vic D.P.I. Food and Fibre Co-op Program**

It was agreed that the Secretary would contact DPI to establish whether there had been any expressions of interest in the Program.

ACTION: Secretary

### **4.2 Andrew Heap**

Niel reported that he had attempted to contact Andrew Heap to ask him if he would be willing to provide his services on a referral basis to communities and groups interested in forming co-operatives on a fee for service basis negotiated with communities and groups. He said that Andrew had not responded to messages.

### **4.3 Co-op Start Up Manual**

The Secretary advised that a formal submission had been made, that it complemented the work being undertaken in NSW and that the initial response had been positive. He said he was hopeful that funding would be provided.

The submission made to DPI was circulated with the agenda.

ACTION: Secretary

#### **4.4 Co-op Education Providers**

The Acting Chairman reported that he was still considering the LEADing Board program and would contact Trent Bartlett, a CBH director, about the Program and the Co-operative College.

The Secretary advised that it looked most probable that Chris Cooper would be visiting Australia late October and early November 2012.

It was agreed that Chris would be asked to follow-up with the Victorian State Manager of AICD, Peter Geyer regarding the development of a co-operative module.

ACTION: Secretary

A Preliminary Co-operative College Visit Program was circulated with the agenda.

#### **5. Action Report – Secretary**

The report was noted.

It was noted that there were two upcoming workshops:

27 September 2012 Beyond 2012

19 November 2012 Co-operatives National Law.

That First Option Credit Union Limited be accepted as a member and George Leyland-Greaves be appointed delegate.

CARRIED

#### **6. Financial Report**

Tony O'Shea distributed the Annual Financial Report for signing by two directors

That the board sign the Director's declaration.

CARRIED

#### **7. National Co-operative Conference**

It was agreed that the Secretary would attend the National Co-operative Conference on 24-25 October 2012 at Port Macquarie, NSW.

That David Griffiths represent CV at the National Co-operative Conference.

CARRIED

## **8. Co-operatives Australia and Social Business Australia'**

There was no discussion on the proposal at the last meeting that a letter would be sent to Social Business Australia as a follow-up to the earlier CV letter of 4 March 2012 which would:

- Reaffirm our support for an effective and efficient national body.
- Repeat our offer to assist in the development of this body.
- Express our concern that there had been no meaningful response to this offer.

Next meetings:

Board 10: 30 a.m. 13 November 2012

AGM: 12:00Midday 13 November 2012

Urban Camp Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville 3052